

**Common Course Outline**  
**NURN 115**  
**Trends in Practical Nursing**  
**2 Credits**

**The Community College of Baltimore County**

**Description**

**NURN 115 – 2 Credits – Trends in Practical Nursing** assists the student in transitioning from the role of student to that of entry-level practitioner. Emphasis is placed on responsibilities associated with licensure, ethical and legal issues, employment strategies, continuing professional growth, leadership and management principles for the health care environment.

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**Prerequisites:** NURN 112

**Overall Course Objectives**

Upon completion of this course students will be able to:

1. practice within ethical, legal and regulatory statutes, codes and standards for licensed practical nurses;
2. discuss current trends and issues in health care delivery;
3. explain the importance of membership in professional organizations;
4. provide leadership for unlicensed healthcare personnel;
5. discuss fiscal responsibility in managing resources in the healthcare environment and;
6. describe appropriate professional development activities.

**Major Topics**

- I. Overview of Professional Practice
- II. Historical Perspectives
- III. Professional Practice Concepts
  - A. Professionalism
  - B. Advocacy
  - C. Health Care Delivery System
  - D. Legal And Ethical Issues
  - E. Delegation
  - F. Leadership
  - G. Management
  - H. Quality Improvement
  - I. Team Work/Collaboration
- IV. Transitions to LPN practice
  - A. NCLEX-PN
  - B. Transitional Challenges
  - C. Finding Employment

## **Course Requirements**

An overall grade of C (75.00%) or higher is required for satisfactory completion of the course. Grading procedures will be determined by the course faculty but will include the following:

### **Grading/Exams:**

- There is a minimum of three theory exams.
- The exam average must equal 75.00% or higher to pass the course.
- There is a minimum of three quizzes.

### **Written Assignments:**

- The student will have a minimum of three writing assignments such as: class presentation, e-portfolio submission, and resume.
- Students are required to utilize appropriate academic resources.
- Citations are based on the American Psychological Association (APA) format.

### **Simulation Lab/Clinical Requirements:**

- Attendance at all assigned clinical/laboratory experiences
- Satisfactory completion of all assignments
- Satisfactory performance in the clinical experiences

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